

## AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A connector for accommodating therein an edge portion of a plate object and for providing electrical connections to terminals formed on the edge portion of the plate object, comprising:

a housing made of metal and having first and second planes opposite to each other in a first direction with a space left therebetween, the first and second planes having a predetermined space therebetween;

an elastic member arranged within the predetermined space and connected to the first plane, the elastic member having a first portion ~~on top thereof in the first direction~~, the first portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing first elastic reaction force in an opposite direction opposite to the first direction;

an elastic supporter arranged within the predetermined space and connected to the second plane, the elastic supporter having a second portion ~~on top thereof in the first direction~~, the second portion being ~~located with an interval left between the first and second portions~~ displaced from the first portion in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction, the second portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing second elastic reaction force in the ~~first~~ opposite direction;

a film contact comprising an insulator film and electrical contacts corresponding to the terminals of the plate object, the insulator film extending through the first portion of the elastic

member, the space between the first and second planes, and the second portion of the elastic supporter and having first and second surfaces, the electrical contacts being formed on the first surface of the insulator film, the second surface being fixed on the first and second portions so that the electrical contacts [[are]] have first and second contacts arranged on ~~at least one of~~ the first and second portions via the insulator film, respectively, the film contact further comprising wires extending along the first surface of the insulator film and connected to the first and second contacts, respectively, and, when the edge portion of the plate object is inserted between the first and second portions in a third direction oblique to the first and second directions and the plate object is then tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes, are connected to terminals of the plate object with being in press contact with the terminals by a combination of the first elastic reaction force and the second elastic reaction force; [[and]]

a pair of spring pieces opposite to each other in a particular direction perpendicular to the first and second directions, the spring pieces having elastic forces so as to elastically sandwich the plate object therebetween in the particular direction when the plate object is tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes; and

holding means for holding ~~parts of~~ the plate object in the first direction ~~when the plate object is tilted~~ to maintain a state where the plate object is sandwiched by the spring pieces.

2. (original) A connector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporter is an elastic member which when the second portion is pushed in the first direction causes an elastic reaction force in the first direction.

3. (currently amended) A connector as claimed in claim 1, the plate object having a predetermined thickness, wherein the first and second portions are located so as to have in the first direction a first interval less than the predetermined thickness of the plate object and to have

in a fourth direction perpendicular to the third direction and to the particular direction a second interval slightly wider than the predetermined thickness of the plate object.

4. (cancelled)

5. (original) A connector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulator film forms a blind alley within the predetermined space in a cross section defined by the first to fourth directions.

6. (original) A connector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the housing further comprising:

two arms opposite to each other in a particular direction perpendicular to the first and second directions, the arms being integrally formed with at least one of the first and second planes and being extended in the second direction; and

two latch portions which are integrally formed with arms, respectively, and which project toward inside space between the two arms so as to serve as the holding means by hooking parts of the plate object when the plate object is tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes.

7. (original) A connector as claimed in claim 1, wherein the elastic member and the supporter are integrally formed with the first and second planes, respectively.

8. (cancelled)

9. (original) A connector as claimed in claim 1, further comprising tab portions which are integrally formed with the housing and which are fixed on a board so that the connector is held on the board.

10. (cancelled)

11. (original) A connector as claimed in claim 1, the plate object having a guide keyway on the edge thereof, further comprising a guide key corresponding to the guide keyway so as to guide the plate object in cooperation with the guide keyway when the edge portion of the plate object is inserted into the predetermined space. A connector as claimed in claim 1, the plate object having a guide keyway on the edge thereof, further comprising a guide key corresponding to the guide keyway so as to guide the plate object in cooperation with the guide keyway when the edge portion of the plate object is inserted into the predetermined space.

12. (original) A connector as claimed in claim 11, wherein the guide key is integrally formed with the housing.

13. (currently amended) A connector for accommodating therein an edge portion of a plate object and for providing electrical connections to terminals formed on the edge portion of the plate object, the connector comprising:

- a housing made of metal;

- a film contact coupled to the housing, said housing comprising:

- first and second planes opposite to each other in a first direction, the first and second planes having a predetermined space therebetween;

- a third plane connected to the first and the second planes;

- a first elastic portion arranged in the predetermined space and connected to the first plane, the first elastic portion having a first portion on top thereof in the first direction, the first portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing first elastic reaction force in the first direction;

- a second elastic portion arranged in the predetermined space and connected to the second plane, the second elastic portion having a second portion on top thereof in the first direction, the second portion being located with an interval left between the first and second portions in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction, the second portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing second elastic reaction force in the first direction;

- holding means for holding parts of the plate object in the first direction when the plate object is tilted; and

the film contact comprising an insulator film and electrical contacts corresponding to the terminals of the plate object, the insulator film having first and second surfaces, the electrical contacts being formed on the first surface of the insulator film, the second surface being fixed on the first and second portions so that the electrical contacts are arranged on at least one of the first and second portions via the insulator film and, when the edge portion of the plate object is inserted between the first and second portions in a third direction oblique to the first and second directions and the plate object is then tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes, are connected to terminals of the plate object with being in press contact with the terminals by a combination of the first elastic reaction force and the second elastic reaction force having elastic forces so as to elastically sandwich the plate object therebetween in the particular direction when the plate object is tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes and maintain a state where the plate object is sandwiched.

14. (currently amended) A connector for accommodating therein an edge portion of a plate object and for providing electrical connections to terminals formed on the edge portion of the plate object, the connector comprising:

a housing made of metal and having first and second planes opposite to each other in a first direction, the first and second planes having a predetermined space therebetween;

a first elastic member arranged in the predetermined space and attached to the first plane, the first elastic member having a first portion on top thereof in the first direction, the first portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing first elastic reaction force in the first direction;

a second elastic member arranged in the predetermined space and attached to the second plane, the second elastic member having a second portion on top thereof in the first direction, the second portion being located with an interval left between the first and second portions in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction, the second portion, when being pushed in the first direction, causing second elastic reaction force in the first direction;

a film contact coupled to the first and the second elastic members;

holding means for holding parts of the plate object in the first direction when the plate object is tilted, and

the film contact comprising an insulator film and electrical contacts corresponding to the terminals of the plate object, the insulator film having first and second surfaces, the electrical contacts being formed on the first surface of the insulator film, the second surface being fixed on the first and second portions so that the electrical contacts are arranged on at least one of the first and second portions via the insulator film and, when the edge portion of the plate object is inserted between the first and second portions in a third direction oblique to the first and second directions and the plate object is then tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes, are connected to terminals of the plate object with being in press contact with the terminals by a combination of the first elastic reaction force and the second elastic reaction force having elastic forces so as to elastically sandwich the plate object therebetween in the particular direction when the plate object is tilted to be substantially parallel with the first and second planes and maintain a state where the plate object is sandwiched.